Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Citizens of South Dakota recognize that swimming and aquatic-related activities play a vital role in good physical and mental health, and enhance the quality of life for all people; and,

Whereas, Education is essential in preventing drowning and recreational water-related injuries; and,

Whereas, Contributions have been made by the recreational water industry, as represented by the organizations involved in the National Water Safety Month Coalition to develop safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities providing healthy places for recreation, to learn and grow, build self-esteem, confidence, and a sense of self-worth, which contributes to the quality of life in our community; and,

Whereas, The citizens of South Dakota recognize the ongoing efforts and commitment to educate the public on pool and spa safety issues and initiatives by the pool, spa, waterpark, recreation, and parks industries; and,

Whereas, Communicating water safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages, whether owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities, or visitors to waterparks is extremely important:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as

WATER SAFETY MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State